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MEMORANDUM FOR: ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR OPERATIONS ✓  
EXECUTIVE FOR PERSONNEL & ADMINISTRATION

SUBJECT: Move of FBIB Monitoring Station from  
[redacted]

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1. This memorandum amends and supersedes the memorandum dated 17 February 1947, signed for the Director of Central Intelligence by E. K. Wright, Colonel, GSC, on the same subject, to the same officers.

2. The Director of Central Intelligence has approved the move of the FBIB monitoring station from [redacted] and in connection therewith directs:

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a. That the Executive for Personnel and Administration in conjunction with the Assistant Director for Operations, initiate action toward obtaining a long-term lease on a yearly basis, with renewal option rights over a period of not less than five years, at a cost not to exceed [redacted] to include all rights regarding the renewal of options on a long-term basis.

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b. That the Executive for Personnel & Administration, in conjunction with the Assistant Director for Operations:

(1) Provide for the movement of personnel and necessary equipment from [redacted]

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An expenditure of not to exceed [redacted] is authorized for the renewal and replacement of operational equipment required by this move.

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(2) Initiate action for the necessary new construction at [redacted] at a cost not to exceed [redacted]

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(3) Enter into contracts for  
public utilities necessary for oper-  
ational services at

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3. The Assistant Director for Operations or  
his authorized representative shall retain the right to determine  
whether or not full technical requirements are being met before  
contracts covering construction and public utility services are  
consumated.

FOR THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE:

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E. K. WRIGHT  
Brigadier General, U.S.A.  
Deputy Director

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ACTING CHIEF, SERVICES DIVISION

4 March 1947

EXECUTIVE FOR PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATION

Move of FBIB Monitoring Station from [redacted]

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1. Reference your memorandum dated 25 February 1947, Subject: "Memorandum of Understanding" in connection with memorandum dated 17 February 1947 signed by Colonel E. K. Wright, regarding the moving of the FBIB Monitoring Station from [redacted] to [redacted]

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2. The suggestions contained in your above mentioned memorandum have been concurred in by the Deputy Director.

3. Request that you make arrangements with the Assistant Director for Operations as to the date on which action will be taken to begin arrangements for the move contemplated.

4. Action will be taken to amend the approval of the Projects Review Committee.

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Deputy Executive for Personnel  
and Administration

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cc: General Sibert ✓

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Memo, dtd 25 Feb 47,  
from Acting Chief,  
Services Division,  
subject: "Memorandum  
of Understanding"  
w/buckslip from P&A,  
dtd 2/27/47.

SUBJECT: Move of FBIB Monitoring Station from [redacted]  
25X1A to [redacted]

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In reference to memorandum from [redacted] to Deputy Executive  
for Personnel and Administration, subject: "Memorandum of Understanding", dated  
25 February 1947, this office concurs in the proposed rewording of General Wright's  
directive of 17 February 1947, subject: "Move of FBIB Monitoring Station from  
Portland, Oregon to Reseda, California", provided:

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(a) The concurrence of General Wright is obtained.

(b) It is clearly understood that the Assistant Director for Operations or  
his authorized representative shall retain the right to determine whether or not full  
technical requirements are being met before contracts covering construction and public  
utility services are consummated.

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Deputy Assistant Director  
Office of Operations

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25 February 1947

MEMORANDUM

TO: Deputy Executive, Personnel &  
Administration Branch

FROM: Acting Chief, Services Division

SUBJECT: Memorandum of Understanding

1. In accordance with your request of yesterday, I am submitting herewith the understanding of this office regarding the proposed move of the FBIB Monitoring Station from [REDACTED]

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2. It is the belief of this office, that the information outlined hereafter is already contained implicitly in memorandum dated February 17, 1947, signed by then Colonel E. K. Wright. It is, therefore, the purpose of this memorandum to attempt a more specific treatment of the responsibilities which are vested in the Office or Branch concerned.

(a) Paragraph 1. a. of said memorandum should remain undisturbed.

(b) It is suggested that paragraph 1. b. be amended to read as follows:

1. b. That the Executive for Personnel & Administration, in conjunction with the Assistant Director for Operations:

(1) Provide for the movement of personnel and necessary equipment from [REDACTED] to [REDACTED]. An expenditure of not to exceed [REDACTED] is authorized for the renewal and replacement of operational equipment required by this move.

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(2) Initiate action for the necessary new construction at [REDACTED] at a cost not to exceed [REDACTED]

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(3) Enter into contracts for public utilities necessary for operational services at [REDACTED]

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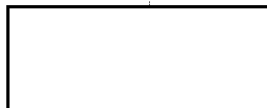
The above amendment is suggested due to the fact that procurement authority has been vested in the Executive for Personnel & Administration Branch and subsequently redelegated to the Deputy Executive for Personnel & Administration Branch and Chief, Services Division.

3. It would, therefore, appear necessary for a properly authorized

representative of Executive for Personnel & Administration Branch to enter into and effect the commitments contemplated by paragraphs 1. b. (1) to (3) inclusive. On the basis of the proposed amended directive, it would appear desirable for the Executive for Personnel & Administration Branch to take the following action:

- (A) For the purpose of effecting paragraph 1. b. (1), dispatching an expert in the movement of personnel and equipment, familiar with transportation methods, and concerns on the West Coast, and with Army facilities, if the need arises.
- (B) For the purpose of effecting paragraph 1. b. (2), assuming that personnelwise, etc., the new construction is presently required, (a) undertake the negotiation of a contract as a primary party, or (b) arrange with the local Federal Works Agency to execute, perform, and supervise the contract. Whether the necessity for the new construction exists at this time is not known, due to the lack of personnel, equipment, etc., but, at such time, as the contingencies become more certain, then either one of the alternatives mentioned here should be selected.
- (C) For the purpose of effecting paragraph 1. b. (3), this can be accomplished at the same time as the negotiation of the lease.

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x 2/21/47 Assistant Director for Operations

x Executive for Pers. and Adm.

Cy of memo fr Dep  
Direc, dtd 17 Feb 47,  
same subj as below,  
w/incl.

SUBJECT: Move of FBIB Monitoring Station from [ ] to [ ] 25X1A  
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1. In the implementation of sub-paragraph 1 (b), of memorandum from the Deputy Director, on above subject, dated 17 February 1947, the Chief, FBIB, or his authorized representative has been directed to clear all contacts for construction, public utilities, etc. with the legal division of Personnel and Administration before consummation.

2. Referring to sub-paragraph 1 (a), of the same memorandum, it is requested 25X1A that the legal representative of Personnel and Administration, who is sent to [ ] to negotiate the lease, confer with the Chief Engineer, [ ] of the 25X1A FBIB [ ] if any questions arise as to any subdivision of the [ ] 25X1A property as we know it, or the possibility of any construction on an unleased portion thereof which might be detrimental to radio reception.

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[ ]  
Deputy Assistant Director  
Office of Operations

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x 2/21/47 Assistant Director for Operations

x Chief, FBIB

Cy of memo fr Dep  
Direc, dtd 17 Feb 47,  
same subj as below,  
w/incl. (in dup)

SUBJECT: Move of FBIB Monitoring Station from [ ] to [ ]

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1. Attached hereto is memo, on above subject, directing the initiation of action toward obtaining a long term lease on [ ] and the necessary steps to complete the move of the FBIB station at [ ] 25X1A

2. The Executive for Personnel and Administration has been requested to consummate the lease before any action is taken by the Office of Operations toward implementation of action directed in sub-paragraph 1 (b) of the attached memorandum.

3. The Executive for Personnel and Administration has been requested by this Office to call on the Chief of FBIB [ ] for consultation and advice in the event any questions arise as to any subdivision of the [ ] property as we now understand it or the possibility of any construction on an unleased part thereof which might be detrimental to radio reception. 25X1A

4. In the implementation of that part of the attached memorandum contained in sub-paragraph 1 (b), it is directed that all contacts for construction, public

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OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

17 February 1947.

MEMORANDUM FOR: ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR OPERATIONS  
EXECUTIVE FOR PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATION

Subject: Move of FBIB Monitoring Station from [ ]

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1. The Director of Central Intelligence has approved the move of the FBIB monitoring station from [ ] and in connection therewith directs:

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a. That the Executive for Personnel and Administration, in conjunction with the Assistant Director for Operations, initiate action toward obtaining a long-term lease on a yearly basis, with renewal option rights over a period of not less than five years, at a cost not to exceed [ ] to include all rights regarding the renewal of options on a long-term basis.

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b. That the Assistant Director for Operations, based on the successful accomplishment of a., above:

(1) Provide for the movement of personnel and necessary equipment from [ ] to [ ]. An expenditure of not to exceed [ ] is authorized for the renewal and replacement of operational equipment required by this move.

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(2) Initiate action for the necessary new construction at [ ] at a cost not to exceed [ ]

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(3) Enter into contracts for public utilities necessary for operational services at [ ]

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FOR THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE:

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[ ]  
E. K. WRIGHT  
Colonel, Inf.  
Deputy Director.

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Minutes of Meeting of  
Project Review Committee  
Central Intelligence Group

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 Washington, D. C.  
 at 1000, 13 February 1947

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I. Members Present:

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Colonel E. K. Wright, Deputy Director, Chairman  
 [redacted], Assistant Executive Director  
 of Operations

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Mr. E. K. Saunders, Finance Division, P&A  
 [redacted] Acting Chief, Advisory Council, Secretary

Others Present:

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[redacted] Office of Operations

Mr. Kelly, P&amp;A

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II. Project Under Consideration: Project [redacted] Move of FBIS Monitoring Station from [redacted]

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III. Scope of Project:

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(1) FBIS desires to move its present foreign broadcast monitoring station at [redacted] This monitoring station is designed to intercept broadcasts from Latin America, Russia, China, India and other countries in the Far East.

(2) The cost of the move, including transportation of personnel and equipment as well as construction at the new site, will be [redacted] 25X1A

(3) Implementation of the planned move can be accomplished with funds now available and will be an insurance toward completion of the long range plan of global coverage in the event that there is a reduction in the 1948 budget, since the establishment of a monitoring station at [redacted] will actually reduce the cost of West Coast operations over a period of years. 25X1A

(4) The proposed move is necessary and advisable for the following reasons:

(a) [redacted] would like to obtain for its own uses as soon as possible. 25X1A

(b) Reception and coverage facilities are more favorable from

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25X1A [ ] and the resultant product  
can be more efficiently assembled and disseminated.

25X1A (c) The [ ] site will complement the long range plan  
for world wide coverage and will enable the station now  
operating at [ ] eventually to be discontinued.

(d) The move will reduce annual communication costs by  
25X1A [ ] a year and will thus provide more economical  
overall operation.

#### IV. References:

(1) Memo to Project Review Committee, subject: "Move FBIS Monitor-  
ing Station from [ ] (undated), from  
Assistant Director for Operations. 25X1A

(2) Office Memo, same subject, dated 9 December 1946, from Acting  
Chief, ICAPS.

(3) Office Memo, same subject, dated 11 December 1946, from Assistant  
Chief, Finance Division.

(4) Office Memo, same subject, dated 12 February 1947 from Assistant  
Director for Operations.

#### V. Discussion:

Colonel Wright requested comments from [ ] on the various 25X1A  
locations visited in their [ ] investigations.

25X1A [ ] stated that of the nine places inspected, the former SSU  
25X1A monitoring station at [ ] was by far the most desirable from the view  
point of intercept characteristics, public utilities, buildings, equipment,  
housing facilities, and construction costs.

The Committee agreed to the adoption of [ ] and proceeded to review  
the cost of the move. 25X1A

25X1A [ ] stated that the original estimate for construction had  
25X1A been reduced from [ ] (This cost will include  
erection of a building, a Quonset hut and necessary antennae.)

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25X1A [ ] said that the original estimate for equipment could be  
 25X1A reduced from [ ] because some of the equipment  
 was already on hand from Signal Corps and other sources.

The total cost of the move will be:

Transfer of personnel & equipment

Construction

Equipment

Total

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The Committee approved these figures.

Colonel Wright asked Mr. Kelly about the terms of leasing the [ ]  
 property. Mr. Kelly replied that the property is zoned residential and 25X1A

25X1A could be leased for [ ] or less per year.

25X1A [ ] inquired as to the cost of the lease at [ ] 25X1A

25X1A [ ] replied that it was [ ] year. 25X1A

The Committee then considered whether, in view of the increased  
 leasing costs, a less expensive alternate site should be considered in  
 case of a reduced FBIB budget.

25X1A Discussion brought out that reduced communication costs plus the  
 fact that [ ] was a much better intercept location than [ ] off- 25X1A  
 set the increased leasing costs. Furthermore, the establishment of [ ]  
 would eliminate the necessity of obtaining a monitoring station in South 25X1A  
 American and would allow the eventual abandonment of the Station now

25X1A operating at [ ] Mr. Saunders stated that the expense of the move can  
 be covered by the 1946-1947 budget. Mr. Kelly asked if budget money was  
 available for construction. Mr. Saunders replied that he had War Department  
 funds available for this purpose.

Colonel Wright inquired as to the length of the lease that might be  
 obtained. Mr. Kelly replied that the owners' agent was interest<sup>ed</sup> in leasing  
 the land for a number of years.

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25X1A Colonel Wright suggested that the lease be acquired on a yearly basis for not more than [ ] a year with a renewal option of five years.

The Committee agreed that the move to [ ] was necessary and advisable and recommended that implementary action be taken. 25X1A

VI. Action Taken: The Project Review Committee recommends:

(1) That the Executive for Personnel and Administration, in conjunction with the Assistant Director for Operations initiate action toward obtaining a long term lease on a yearly basis with renewal option rights over a period of not less than five years. That negotiations in this regard be based on the authority from the Director of Central Intelligence to obtain such a lease at a cost not to exceed [ ] yearly to include all rights regarding the renewal of options on a long term basis. 25X1A

(2) That based on the successful action accomplished in (1) above, authority be given to the Assistant Director for Operations to take the following actions:

(a) Provide for the movement of personnel and necessary equipment from [ ] 25X1A

(b) Authorize the expenditure of [ ] for the renewal and replacement of operational equipment required by this move. 25X1A

(c) Initiate action for the necessary new construction at [ ] [ ] at a cost not to exceed [ ] 25X1A

(d) Enter into the contracts for public utilities necessary for operational services at [ ] 25X1A

E. K. WRIGHT  
Colonel, Inf.  
Chairman, Proj. Rev. Comm.

17 July 67  
(date) HSV

APPROVED:

HOYT S. VANDENBERG

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Lieutenant General, USA  
Director of Central Intelligence

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Minutes of Meeting of  
Projects Review Committee  
Central Intelligence Group

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Washington, D. C.  
at 1330, 31 December 1946.

I. Members Present:

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Colonel E. K. Wright, Executive to Director, CIG, Chairman.

[Redacted] Assistant Executive Director, CIG.

Brig. General E. L. Sibert, Asst. Director, Office of Operations, CIG.

Mr. Edward R. Saunders, Chief of Finance Division, P&amp;A, CIG.

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[Redacted] USN, Acting Chief, Advisory Council, CIG, Secretary.

Others Present:

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[Redacted] Deputy to Asst. Director, Office of Operations, CIG.

[Redacted] FBIS, CIG.

[Redacted] P&amp;A, CIG.

II. Project under Consideration: Project OO-2, Move of FBIS Monitoring Station from [Redacted]

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III. Scope of Discussion.

To decide specific instructions for reconnaissance of Reseda and other possible sites to be conducted by [Redacted] on behalf of CIG.

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IV. References.

(1) Memo. to Asst. Director for Operations, subject: "Present

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Status of [Redacted], 30 December 1946.

(2) Minutes of last meeting of Projects Review Committee re Project

OO-2 held at 1430 11 December 1946.

V. Discussion.

The Committee reviewed the above references.

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[Redacted] site mentioned in Reference (1) sounds promising and may be worthwhile. He pointed out that FBIS might be able to move in before this site is vacated by the Navy and could get by in limited operations for several months.

Colonel Wright commented that the present state of finances more than ever calls for all possible economy measures insofar as operations

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are not jeopardized thereby.

25X1A [ ] drew attention to the fact that the report of the reconnaissance team must include the steps necessary to acquire any of the sites favorably reported.

25X1A Colonel Wright and [ ] pointed out the advisability of full and adequate credentials for the reconnaissance team. All members agreed.

25X1A [ ] said departure is scheduled for 3 January 1947.

VI. Action Taken.

a. The Committee reiterated recommendation of the action set forth in paragraph VI of reference (2).

b. The Committee directed the reconnaissance team to investigate the sites mentioned in reference (1) with particular attention to the Point

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c. The Committee directed that appropriate credentials be furnished the reconnaissance team and designated Brig. General Sibert, [ ]

25X1A and [ ] to obtain such credentials from CIG, Chief of Naval Communications and War Department General Staff, SS&PD, respectively and in that order.

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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE GROUP  
NEW WAR DEPARTMENT BUILDING  
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

12 December 1946

MEMORANDUM FOR: ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR OPERATIONS ✓  
EXECUTIVE FOR PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATION:

Subject: Action taken by Project Review Committee  
on Project 00-2, 11 December 1946.

1. Attention is invited to a copy of the Minutes of the Meeting of the Project Review Committee, 11 December 1946, inclosed herewith.

2. It is desired that the action to be taken as outlined in par VI of the above mentioned Minutes be undertaken within your respective offices at the earliest possible date.

3. Representatives selected for the reconnaissance of the [ ] area will be made available for briefing by the Executive to the Director prior to their departure.

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[ ]  
E. K. WRIGHT  
Colonel, GSC  
Executive to the Director

1 Incl to each Addressee:  
Cy of PRC Minutes, 11 Dec 46

Minutes of Meeting of  
Project Review Committee  
Central Intelligence Group

Washington, D. C.  
at 1430, 11 December 1946.

I. Members Present:

Colonel E. K. Wright, Executive to Director, CIG, Chairman.  
[redacted] Asst. Executive Director, CIG.  
Brig. General E. L. Sibert, Asst. Director, Office of Operations, CIG.  
[redacted] Asst. Chief, Finance Division, CIG.  
[redacted] Chief, Advisory Council, CIG (Secretary).

Others Present:

[redacted] FBIS, CIG.  
[redacted] CIG.  
[redacted] ICAPS, CIG.  
[redacted] Advisory Council, CIG.

II. Project Under Consideration: Project [redacted] Move of FBIS Monitoring Station from [redacted]

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III. Scope of Project.

FBIS desires to move its present foreign broadcast monitoring station in [redacted] This monitoring station is designed to intercept primarily shortwave broadcasts from Latin America, Russia, China, India and other countries in the Far East. The proposed move is necessary for the following reasons:

- (a) [redacted] which the [redacted] would like to obtain for its own uses as soon as possible; (b) for FBIS purposes, more favorable reception can be obtained [redacted]; (c) a site with buildings especially designed for radio reception has been located at [redacted] which radio tests indicate is far superior to the present [redacted]; and (d) it will be possible to consolidate the entire operation under one roof and obtain optimum physical efficiency.

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IV. References:

- (1) Memo. to Projects Review Committee, subject: "Move FBIS Monitoring Station from [redacted] (undated) from Asst. Director for Operations.

(2) Office Memo., same subject, dated 9 Dec 1946, from Acting Chief, ICAPS.

(3) Office Memo., same subject, dated 11 Dec 1946 from Asst. Chief, Finance Division.

V. Discussion.

Committee reviewed the above references.

The site desired by FBIS at [ ] for location of a monitoring station is [ ]

25X1A [ ] It comprises 143.32 acres, exclusive of streets. It contains a radio station (main building), garage and utility building, guard tower, incinerator, barn and cabin.

25X1A In reply to questions raised by the Chairman, [ ] stated that the Chief Engineer at [ ] had spent approximately six (6) weeks at the contemplated site at [ ] and in general all surveys indicated its desirability from the technical standpoint. He explained the present site at [ ] and is not large enough for both [ ] and FBIS. Furthermore, FBIS agreed in the beginning to vacate this property at such time as [ ] desired.

25X1A With regard to housing of personnel, [ ] advised that conditions at [ ] site were such that housing presented an acute problem. At the [ ] site he explained that temporary facilities will be available and he did not anticipate any too great difficulty of personnel finding a place to live.

Colonel Wright brought up the question of the lease. [ ] stated that the Army Engineers had surveyed the site and had recommended the price and lease conditions in the real estate plan which FBIS submitted.

25X1A After considerable discussion it was agreed that in view of the construction costs required at the new site, <sup>Location</sup> a lease of a transmitter on the 143 acres at [ ] would most likely interfere with FBIS operations.

25X1A [ ] advised the Committee that the [ ] for receivers, 25X1A  
recorders and other equipment would be sufficient.

Colonel Wright asked about the availability of funds to cover esti-  
25X1A mated cost of [ ]

25X1A [ ] said that the money could be made available from W. D.  
funds to be allocated to CIG.

25X1A In reply to [ ] stated that approximately  
25X1A [ ] had been appropriated to War Department for FBIS but operations  
25X1A had cost about [ ]. Therefore FBIS would be able to bring very  
little money of their own to CIG.

25X1A [ ] stated that other FBIS moves were contemplated (1) from  
25X1A [ ] and (2) East Coast monitoring site from present location  
to new site as soon as one is found.

Colonel Wright suggested that the following factors be investigated  
before approval of this project could be recommended to the Director:

(1) Cost of a lease taken on an annual basis with rights  
of renewal for not less than five (5) years.

(2) Housing situation.

(3) Effect that industry in the locality may have upon the  
value of the land. What plans for industrial expansion in the  
area may affect the property in question.

(4) All steps necessary to protect CIG financially.

After considerable discussion it was generally agreed that CIG should  
not lease the land for less than one (1) year with full assurance of re-  
newal rights for as long as desired and for not less than five (5) years.,

25X1A [ ] added that in negotiations for the lease, provision should  
be made for the Government to retain title to property and improvements  
made at expiration in order to obtain full salvage value.

25X1A Colonel Wright and [ ] advised the Committee of the  
necessity of determining industrial intentions in the area since high-  
voltage power equipment of certain industries, hospitals, etc., might  
cause serious interference to radio reception.

General discussion followed relative to other probable locations in California that might have more all-around suitability for FBIS operations. Some of the Army and Naval installations being abandoned might be suitable and obtainable at no cost from War Assets Administration. [ ] 25X1A

agreed to explore these possibilities with G-4, WDGS; Naval Communications Division; and War Assets Administration. 25X1A

General Sibert stated that OSS had spent [ ] and that the building and general location there was especially adapted for good radio reception. A site at [ ] had been considered but there were no buildings which would mean considerable cost initially. 25X1A

Colonel Wright stated that the Director had indicated his general approval to FBIS project but desired that additional possibilities be investigated. He stated that the FBIS operation is a "going concern" and should be continued. However, approval of the move should not be recommended to the Director at this time.

General Sibert stated that the Office of Operations was only asking for approval in principle and authority to make a reconnaissance of the area. FBIS desired to send [ ] and P&A have named Mr. Kelley for this assignment. 25X1A

#### VI. Action Taken.

a. The Committee agreed to withhold recommendations to the Director on Project [ ] pending receipt of a full report on all of the factors involved; including:

- (1) A reconnaissance of the [ ] area to determine 25X1A
  - (a) Housing conditions.
  - (b) Intentions of industrial enterprises and other installations which may affect the value of the property and the general suitability for efficient FBIS operations.
  - (c) The best possible lease arrangements which will guarantee full legal and financial protection to the Government.
  - (d) General real estate conditions in the area as they affect acquisition of this property by CIG.

(e) Suitable location for installing a radio transmitter for future use of CIG.

(2) Investigation of other suitable sites which may be obtained in the area, particularly those installations which have been either abandoned by the Army and Navy and turned over to the War Assets Administration for disposition or have been retained and suitable space may be made available to CIG at nominal or minimum cost.

b. One (1) representative from Office of Personnel and Administration and one (1) from FBIS be selected to conduct the reconnaissance and investigation outlined in VI, a above as soon as possible.

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MEMORANDUM TO: PROJECTS REVIEW COMMITTEE

SUBJECT: Move FBIS Monitoring Station from [ ]  
25X1A to [ ]

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## 1. Scope of Project

FBIS desires to move its present foreign broadcast monitoring station in [ ]  
This monitoring station is designed to intercept primarily shortwave broadcasts from Latin America, Russia, China, India and other countries in the Far East. The proposed move is necessary for the following reasons: (a) FBIS is occupying property of the Federal Communications Commission which the Commission would like to obtain for its own uses as soon as possible; (b) for FBIS purposes, more favorable reception can be obtained [ ]; (c) a site with buildings especially designed for radio reception has been located at [ ] which radio tests indicate is far superior to the present [ ]; and (d) it will be possible to consolidate the entire operation under one roof and obtain optimum physical efficiency.

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## 2. Urgency of Completion

The proposed site should be leased as soon as possible in order that the necessary antenna poles can be erected before the beginning of the rainy season in [ ]. If these poles are not installed before the ground becomes a quagmire of mud, the development of this project will be delayed by approximately three months.

## 3. Type of Funds Required

Vouchered

## 4. Estimated Cost

## a. Number of Personnel

- (1) Transfer of entire staff from [ ] to the new location at Meseda with no increase in the existing payroll. There are [ ] involved with a total annual payroll [ ]

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- b. New construction additions to present buildings and erection of antennas. The survey made by the Army engineers estimates this cost at approximately [ ]

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## c. Special Equipment

- 25X1A (1) Receivers, recorders, transcribers and other fittings for a radio receiving station will have to be purchased. New equipment of this type would have to be obtained if FBIS remained in [ ] however, due to serious deterioration as a result of five years' use. Estimated cost [ ]
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## d. Travel

- (1) Trip of CIG representatives to negotiate the lease of the site. Approximate cost [ ] 25X1A
- 25X1A (2) Transfer of personnel and equipment from [ ] to [ ] 25X1A

## e. Communications

- 25X1A (1) Approximately [ ] will be saved by means of re-arranging communications facilities between Washington and the West Coast. This will reduce the FBIS annual expenditure for this portion of its communication network from [ ]
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- f. FBIS rental on [ ] 25X1A

## g. Operational Supplies

- (1) Office supplies and replacement parts for radio equipment estimated cost per year [ ] 25X1A

## h. Summary of Costs

- (1) Cost of move [ ] 25X1A
- (2) Annual operating expenses [ ]
- 25X1A The annual operating expenses at Meseda will be [ ] less than present costs at [ ] 25X1A

## 5. Advantages of transferring to [ ] 25X1A

- a. Greatly improved reception with more comprehensive coverage at increased efficiency.
- b. Slightly less overall operating expenses on an annual basis.

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SUBJECT: Procurement of Site for FBIS at

25X1A

1. This is in reply to your memorandum of 20 November 1946 on the above subject. It is recommended that a representative of P & A and a representative of FBIS go to  as soon as possible to lease the proposed site at a cost of approximately  per year.

25X1A

25X1A 2. FBIS will have its representative available at any time you state.

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